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Status of Skill Development Programmes
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of skill development programmes both in quantitative and qualitative terms; and

(b) the efforts being made to enhance the quantity in skill development as well as the quality of labourers?

Answer

(a) & (b) The National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 2015 targets to skill/reskill about 40 crore persons by 2022 in the country. The Central Government have over 40 skill development schemes being implemented by Ministries/Departments to achieve these targets. These schemes on one hand seek to cater to demands for skilled manpower and on the other hand attempt to reduce skill gaps quantitatively. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has taken several steps to enhance the quality in skill development which are as under:

(i) The National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015 provides an umbrella framework to all skilling activities including skill development scheme/programme being carried out within the country.

(ii) National Skill Development Mission which seeks to converge, coordinate, implement and monitor skilling activities on a pan-India basis;

(iii) Common Norms for all skill development programmes across Central Ministries/Departments.

(iv) There are Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) which assess skill needs of various job roles in a particular sector in consultation with the industry and develop job specific standards called Qualification Packs − National Occupational Standards (QP-NOS).

(v) National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) to organize qualifications according to series of level of knowledge, skills and aptitude.

(vi) Strategic partnerships have also been undertaken between MSDE and other Ministries/Departments in the Central Government, to collaborate on scaling up skill training activities in specific sectors and leveraging existing infrastructure.

(vii) MSDE has also signed MoUs with Germany, UK, China and Australia, to scale up apprenticeships support, training of trainees, curriculum development, ensure benchmarking of standards and create Centres of Excellence in skill training across the country.